



# City of Hesperia

February 6, 2007

Ms. Tam M. Doduc, Chair  
California State Water Resources Control Board  
P.O. Box 100  
Sacramento, CA 95812-0100



Dear Chair Doduc:

**Re: Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Implementation Grants**

I am writing in support of funding being provided to all 16 applicants in the Proposition 50 Step 2 process, instead of only the original seven that were chosen. We appreciate your willingness to re-evaluate the selection criteria as expanding the number of applicant will benefit a wider spectrum of residents.

In light of the recommendation provided at the January 23 & 31, 2007 Grant Program Scoping meetings, I'd like to lend my strong support and endorsement of the application submitted by Mojave Water Agency (MWA) in Southern California and urge you and your colleagues to please concur with your staff's and DWR's recommendation.

The projects will address water supply reliability, regional conservation, groundwater recharge management and habitat protection in the High Desert region of San Bernardino County for years to come. They were chosen because they are vital to help protect and enhance the economic viability and quality of life in one of the fastest growing regions in the State of California.

Local funding alone will not be nearly enough for us to achieve our goals. State and federal investment in local water management projects and programs must be made to complement and support progress at the local and regional level and ensure that water is available to meet our changing needs.

I urge you to concur with staff's recommendation to fund all 16 applicants and evaluate the totality of the benefits of **all** the applicants.

Respectfully,

Mike Podgracz, City Manager  
City of Hesperia

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Mike Leonard, Mayor Pro Tem  
Ed Pack, Council Member  
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